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SUBJECT: WCL VISIT TO MADRID

REF: MADRID 1539

1. JAN KULAKOWSKI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL), LEFT FOR MADRID MARCH 21, ACCOMPANIED BY THE WCL PRESS OFFICER, JESUS INSAUSTI, A SPANISH CITIZEN FROM THE BASQUE COUNTRY. THEY EXPECT TO STAY TILL MARCH 26.

2. IN A CONVERSATION MARCH 19 BOTH KULAKOWSKI AND INSAUSTI WERE VAGUE ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THE UGT AND THE STV, WHICH ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE WCL AS WELL AS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (CIFTU).

3. IT IS LIKELY THAT AS HEAD OF THE WCL INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND KULAKOWSKI WILL REVIEW ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FROM THE TWO AFFILIATES. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ICFTU SOURCES THAT THE WCL SOLIDARITY

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FUND HAS BEEN REJUNVENATED OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO BY SUBSTANTIAL CASH INJECTIONS FROM THE DUTCH AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS, BOTH OF WHOM CHANNEL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. LIKE THE ICFTU (WHICH IS ALSO THE BENEFICIARY OF SUCH ASSISTANCE), THE WCL DOES NOT PUBLICLY DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF ITS

FOREIGN TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENT MONIES.

4. ALTHOUGH KULAKOWSKI AND INSAUSTI ARE NOT VISITING LISBON, INSAUSTI SAID THAT GERARD FONTENEAU, WCL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPE, MAY DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACCORDING TO THE ICFTU SECRETARIAT, INSAUSTI IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SOURCE OF THE FALSE STORY APPEARING LAST MONTH IN THE SPANISH PRESS ABOUT A SUPPOSED MEETING IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE SPANISH LABOR RELATIONS MINISTER, OTTO KERSTEN OF THE ICFTU, AND IRVING BROWN OF THE AFL-CIO (SEE REFTEL). KERSTEN CLAIMS HE PHONED KULAKOWSKI TO COMPLAIN ABOUT INSAUSTI'S ACTION. HINTON

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